- Central assistance is being extended to States through Centrally Sponsored and Central sector schemes to strengthen farm infrastructure, increase area under sericulture, upgrade reeling facilities, improve finishing processes, strengthen seed supply, cocoon and silk testing systems;
- Low cost and productivity enhancing technologies developed by the Central Silk Board are being popularized through Central assistance to beneficiaries, training to the States' extension machinery and beneficiaries, organizing of various awareness programmes, etc.;
- For technology upgradation of the indigenous silk industry loan at 5% point less than applicable bank rate, under the Technological Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for the textiles sector is available *inter alia* to silk sector.
- Supply chain issues between the farmers, raw silk producers and the weavers are being addressed by advocating contract farming models, price linked grading, etc.
- Establishing quality certification systems for silkworm seeds, cocoons, yarn and fabric.
- An amount of Rs. 450 crores has been provided in the Tenth Plan 'for the Sericulture sector to support the above strategy and programmes;
- Export of value added silk items is being encouraged through assistance to exporters for participation in fairs and exhibitions abroad, market research and surveys, etc.

Augmenting strength of Delhi Police

*335. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has approached the Government for augmenting its strength to the extent of doubling it;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c)the existing strength, cadre-wise of the Delhi Police as on 31.3.2005;

(d) the extent to which Delhi Police Personnel are deployed on VIP security;

(e) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to separate the VIP security in Delhi from Delhi Police; and

(f) if so, by when that is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Delhi Police has been submitting proposals for sanction of additional posts for its continuing as well as new activities. The Government considers such proposals and additional posts are sanctioned subject to functional justification and availability of resources. Delhi Police has recently submitted a comprehensive revised proposal to sanction 17,163 posts out of which 30 posts of women personnel required for strengthening security of Parliament House complex have already been sanctioned. Proposal for the remaining posts is under process.

(c) and (d) The rank-wise details of sanctioned strength of Delhi Police, posts sanctioned for security duty and Police personnel deployed onVIP security are indicated below:

SLNo	Posts	Number of sanctioned posts (as on 31.3.2005)	Number of posts sanctioned for security duty as on 31.3.2005)	Number of Delhi Police personnel deployed on VIP security (as on on 31.7.2005)
1.	Commissioner of Police	1	0	0
2.	Special CP	3	0	0
3.	Jt. CP	15	0	0
4.	Addl. CP	6	0	0
5.	DCP	44	9	7
6.	Addl. DCP	28	0	1
7.	ACP	269	48	40
8.	Inspector	932	107	108
9.	Sub-Inspector	4077	751	548
10.	Asstt. SI	5601	441	489
11.	Head Constable	14,448	1388	1437
12.	Constable	31995	4777	4555
13.	Civilian	74	0	0
14.	Class IV	1786	0	0
	TOTAL:	59279	7521	7185

(e) and (f) The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has been identified as the designated central agency for providing security to VIPs. However, change over to CISF would be a gradual process as security personnel of CISF have to undergo necessary training for taking over security of central protectees.